## THE WAR DISCUSSED FROM THE GERMAN SIDE

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hostile nations, thus giving them an opportunity to form impartial opinions of the issues. THE SUN

## Reviews Germany's Financial Preparedness for War

Prof. Riesser Points Out the Efficient Economic Measures Undertaken to Avert Credit Crisis and Currency Famine-Praise for Banking System of Empire.

ENORMOUS GOLD RESERVE OF REICHSBANK

By PROF. DR. RIESSER.

From Nord und Sud.

HE direct cause of the general tion of the Austrian Crown Prince and his wife, which was which sooner or later would have started the conflagration.

For Russia, of course, the establishment of Slavic absolutism is the real issue, while republican France, fighting side by side with autocratic Rusfor 1870 and by the hope of regaining Alsace and Lorraine.

And England? The question is hard at stake, the future of European culture, and it is self-evident that England's place should have been at the side of Germany; at worst, England should have remained neutral, which is the view taken by large numbers of Englishmen. We must not forget, however, that the main object pursued by English politics during the last two cecades was the political isolation of Germany, because Great Britain sees in Germany not merely her maritime but also her most formidable commercial

These, then, are the considerationshardly be a determining factor in view of England's numerical superiority on the seas-which decided "free" England to help in the noxious task of attempting to Russify, that is, to eliminate. Europe's ancient culture.

The sacrifices which will be required of our nation are bound to be terrible. But the battle cry "Enemies surround us!" has in an instant freed us from all internal dissensions, economic as well as political. All parties, including the Soclal Democrats, stand shoulder to shoulder in complete harmony now that the struggie for our national existence is The sterile, paralyzing pessimism which in Germany as well as in Austria was eating into the heart and marrow of large masses of the population is exterminated.

We have witnessed the marvellous achievements of our army in mobilizing and of our railroads in transporting tallment of the war panic through financial and economic measures prepared by our Ministers in times of peace, measres which were authorized by the lowing words: "During war times suc legal steps shall be taken which are

As far as I can see, the German banking system has done all in its power to serve the common interest.

European war, the assassina- War, Moratorium and a War Credit Bank.

(A memorandum submitted to the by Dr. Riesser.)

After forty years of peace we have been plunged into a general war.

that such a situation might be coun-We are innocent of having caused it It has been forced upon us by a clique of enemies, not inspired by a common ideal, but linked together by hatred, eia, is actuated by a desire to be avenged vindictiveness, selfishness and sordid commercial greed.

We must be true to our ally; to dert whom would be unthinkable. We must protect our homes, our famito answer. Consider the primary issue lies, our estates; in brief, defend our were to be suspended, the gravest posvery existence.

But above all, with our last drop of blood, must we fight for our cultural than neutralized. ideals, for the heritage bequeathed us by our poets, artists and thinkers.

sacrificing travail.

tire civilized world against the knout sion of the war. and the brutality of the Muscovites, to high, has debased herself so that she tions of my own. may attack us at a moment which seems

assumes no responsibility for any of the statements made or opinions expressed. In the Fifth Section of THE SUN to-day there are several pages of sketches and pictures showing scenes of the war from the German side in addition to pictures of the French and English armies in action. nor for interest on mortgages; for the cessation of the payment of such interest would cause a complete disruption of the real estate and mortgage market,

upon their real estate by the State. Furthermore the moratorium could not be extended to any obligations incurred by the German Empire, or by the individual States comprised in the empire, by public corporations, insurance companies, private and public banks and organizations. In the inofficially countenanced by Servia, is forced into the background by the more profound psycho-racial reasons for the background by the more profound psycho-racial reasons for the background by the more profound psycho-racial reasons for the background by the more profound psycho-racial reasons for the background by the land the securing of the continuance of our continuance profound psycho-racial reasons for the background by the land the securing of the background by the land it is impossible to permit public or private banks to refuse payments to de-

> But if all private and public insti tutions are required to meet their obligations in exactly the same way in war time as in normal times then, if payments of their outstanding assets sible results would ensue and all benefits accruing to a moratorium would be more

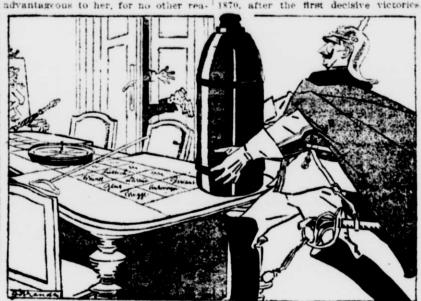
tenanced by the Government would pre-

cipitate numerous runs upon the banks

with all their attendant horrors.

During the life of a moratorium, for mally designated as covering a certain We must save the proud edifice of our period but in reality continuing indefiethnic and economic achievements, nitely, the heavy burden of interest and reared by generations whose ideal was taxes, payment of which is not susnot good living and enjoyment but self- pended by a moratorium, steadily increases, thereby augmenting the proba We must be the bulwark for the en- bility of a serious crisis at the conclu-

To these reasons given by the Bunabet whom England, once so fine and desrat I would like to add a few sugges-



At Ostend-The Kaiser plays with the proper stake.



The Franctireur.

The financial measures which were son than that our growth has aroused taken to avert a currency famine ad-mirably answered their purpose. The For us party and class differences and dearth of silver coins still noticeable in strife are forgotten; internal dissensions certain localities is due largely to the which threatened to emasculate and diamount of currency required in paying vide us have been resolved into the the soldiers and will shortly be obviated Peace of God, which is the result of this through new coinage and through the war, and which unites and reconciles

of all industrial undertakings, by tardy collections on the one hand and the continuance of obligations which must be met on the other, by the almost complete cossation of the export trade and was brilliantly demonstrated. The war

The economic measures prescribed to A leviate this crisis were designed with a special exchange moratorium.

who are directly or indirectly involved sons:

pecially to its president, Herr Haven- In addition to this it is a matter of In 1912 this gold reserve amounted only

sumation in the year 1879, when the trussian Bank and the few large credit

issue of bank notes of small denomina-tions. Beset by far greater difficulties is fatherland, how deep our faith in God, the effort to overcome the credit crisis in our own strength, in the justice of occasioned by the enormous contraction our cause. None doubts that we will

Our financial preparedness for war concomitant disorganization of the panic was obviated in a surprisingly short time. More difficult to deal with is the credit crisis.

In view of this latter it was understandable that a large part of the ina view of taking the place of a general dustrial population demanded a general moratorium; for grave reasons it was moratorium, or an exchange moratorium, but the Bundesrat, after exhaustively considering the interests of the we can weather the storm for the middle and lower industrial classes, denext fortnight without declaring a cided vigorously to oppose the demand moratorium, while all our neighbors for a moratorium for the following rea-

An exchange moratorium is out of in the war, with erstwhile financially strong England heading the list, have heen forced to take refuge in this expectable.

An exchange moratorium is out of the question because the Reichsbank, into whose hands all such paper ultimately passes, cannot possibly meet all treme measure it will certainly redound mately passes, cannot possibly meet all readly to Germany's economic glory
and naturally will add to our prestige
and strengthen our credit abroad.

Its short time liabilities if it is loaded up with paper due exclusively many months hence. Not only would the quality and security of our bank notes Highest praise must be tendered not be impaired by such a proceeding but

who for many years has worked common experience that an exchange a reform in the entire system of banks moratorium is almost invariably the host of complex circumstances were not the foreign of the gold reserve. forerunner of a general moratorium. 1912 this gold reserve amounted only In the opinion of the Bundesrai, an 889,000,000 marks, while in the last opinion which is shared by representa-

the Reichsbank, dated tive portions of our population, such a mies in strength and military efficiency. igust 7 and issued on August 12 of general moratorium would inevitably s year, the gold reserve reached the clog the whoels of industrial life which of 1870 and the German Empire of toenormous sum of 1,477 million marks. are still revolving, and would conseomewhat different all this from the quently result in larger and more dire tion. To-day Germany is a substantial

Then, too, with us, as in other counbanks were anable to cope with the tries, a so-called general moratorium To-day the splendidly would necessarily be subject to many opped Reichsbank, as well as the exceptions. A general moratorium cannumber of banks and banking not be extended to embrace public German States, loosely held together by sounded in 1870. The Emperor of the each other and upon the Reichsbank Government, even under normal conhoneycomb the country, ditions, requires in order to subsist; also it could not be extended to wages,

salaries, bills incurred for foodstuffs, three months of grace. To protect the | Spaniards offered their crown to a prince exporters, who at the present moment of Hohenzollera. cannot count on foreign remittances. In 1914 also war was declared in harand would furthermore place all housenance prohibiting all foreigners, in- concern German interests. holders in a lamentable situation, for, while being deprived of their income

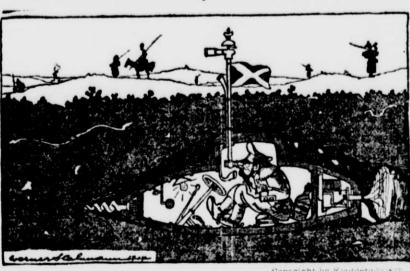
from their mortgages, they themselves would have to meet the taxes levied

but upon whom foreign drafts may be vest time, and again the immediate drawn, the Bundesrat issued an ordicause was one which did not directly dividuals as well as corporations, from Germany's ally, made demands upon suing for payment of any indebtedness Servia in order to punish the assassins incurred before July 31, 1914, before at Sarajevo, which offended the honor October 31.

In spite of the measures devised by the Bundesrat to take the place of a lay far below mere surface events. Repertal moratorium there is no doubt that further relief of some sort must be forthcoming to facilitate the extension the issue of war. The French in those little people. In both cases, of course, the real reason for war. Napoleon III. was compelled by the hysterically excited Parisians to force that holde little people. In both cases, of course, the real reason for war. of credit, which under the present ab- days were completely dominated by the



While Poincare leads his troops with an armored umbrella-



The Czar observes land operations from a submarine.

assumed neither by the Reichsbank nor higher plane than that of other nations necessarily be long deferred. The The resumption of hostilities in this Reichsbank cannot undertake the task year may be ascribed to the same

which we of the present day may confidence of the public will gradually revive and money will circulate more freely. So that if we can bridge over the next ten days or fortnight a moratorium will not be necessary at all.

Sonal considerations to stand in the way of the gradual in the way of this project. Do not wait to tender of the gradual in the way of this project. Do not wait to tender of the gradual in the way of this project. Do not wait to tender of the gradual in the way of this project. Do not wait to tender of the gradual in political circles the greatest anishous developed against Germany: man statesmen were humble and docile the arena of the war.

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stain from declaring for a moratorium, a number of ordinances have been issued enabling all persons, certain conditions existing, who do not repudiate their delta services and noble conception of active their delta services. The fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, in the fatherland requires all saw drunken helots disporting themselves, their debts to secure for their payment duty.

by private banks. The private banks can-not be expected to loan money on notes and drafts, payment of which must degradation of France's reputation.

because its surplus must under all cir- French trait. Forty-four years ago when cumstances serve its primary purpose, peace was concluded the treaty of that is as a guarantee for paper cur- Frankfort restored to Germany the ollowing appeal to you:

Gentlemen—It behooves you to set France, as Calais was to England, Savoy aside all petty doubts. After the sac- to italy, Verice to Austria. The French, the Hely Alliance, Russia rifices made willingly and gladly by all however, could not bear to see the Ger-



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We need only recall the nomic countries. France-Russian military convention, the upshot of which was a concentra-the upshot of which was a concentra-the upshot of which was a concentra-stabled us in the back. Yes, and Egypt

tween Germany and France, we per-in the ceive, is the same as in 1870, with this tion." difference: The slogan, "Revenge for

conflict for "civilization and liberty" by the two world Powers, and a still queers ally all streets and a still

the fact that Russia, during the war with France, earned the gratitude of Germany. We cannot contend, however, that Russia is a true friend of Germany or ever well as a true friend of Germany or ever well as a true friend of Special true from the fortunate outcome of the war plunged heavily into the most reckless provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, which had originally been wrested from her. The two provinces were thus lost to consideration that friend's independence,
But, ever since the consummation of
the Holy Alliance, Russia has regarded
Prussia, not to speak of the weaker
Trussia, not to speak of the weaker classes you cannot afford to allow per-classes you cannot afford to allow per-sonal considerations to stand in the way

In political, classes, as a vassal bound blindly to do

Its patron's bidding. So long as Ger
The North German Federation entered

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with us only until she felt certain of success. The policy of isolation, espoused by Edward VII. the most bitter foe of Germany and the Germany, and Italy, the ally of the two empires, at least has not devaluated by the care accorded the wounded and their families at home. Charity has done much, but the organization is very faulty. Neverthall do well to remind the French of the words in which the Journal destance of the families of the care accorded the wounded and their families at home. Charity has done much, but the organization is very faulty. Neverthall downline to remind the French of the most formidable, not because of the Russia, however, our patron of 1870, for the Red Cross was then only the most formidable, not because of Russia's almost inexhaustible fighting.

Russia's almost inexhaustible fighting. Debats, in June, 1913, commented upon Russia's almost inexhaustible fighting. In 1870 the fact that 700,000 German

Poincare: "After these London Inter- | Europe's agricultural States, representviews we have all cause to hope that ing the might of endurance, is better he British and French armies are now able to bear up under the burdens of losely allied for the protection of the war despite the incidental financial balance of power both in the east and misery than more highly developed eco-

ion of troops in the western provinces, and Morocco and the Hindu Maharaand the enthusiasm with which the jahs, and heaven only knows how many French greeted the Grand Duke Nicho-Sultans and chieftains in Asia and is, the head of the war party in Rus- Africa, made solemn declarations that they were willing to despatch against in the cause of "liberty and civiliza-

Sadowa," has been replaced by the cry,
"Revenge for Sedan."

In 1879 Great Britain still viewed

the war of 1870 seems a pairry little
duel. It is still a mystery how large Germany with kindly eyes. Her friend- the arm es really are which are rolling ness cooled perceptibly, however, when in upon us from all sides, like a new the poor relation suddenly appeared as migration of nations. The estimate trial pursuits, while France ceased politically as well as economically to be a formidable rival. Neutral Belgium, regarded by itself as a sort of subthat every belligerent nation has under

The enormous growth of Germany queerer ally entered upon the scene-Bismarck has repeatedly emphasized ical times necessarily devolves, falled

Although for these and similar reatons the Bundesrat has seen fit to abtoin from declaring for a magnanimity requires heroic to the spirit of the strange conduct of the strange part of the subscriptions came

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of the French on both sides ance which was forthcoming unfortu-nately are not equalled by the care ac-

he enthusiastic reception in London of material but because the largest of all soldiers could be transported to France and through the conquered territories on railroads and via country roads in good order and in all directions was deemed a marvellous feat. This work,

> The German troops of to-day have proved themselves to be the peers of the victors of Woerth and Gravelotte. But the French of to-day are better trained and possess greater powers of resilience and resistance; and the Russian soldier is a terrible adversary because of his tremendous powers of en-

In the fundamental of strategy and tactles no extraordinary differences have been noted, according to exper military opinion. Now as then the chief aim of the German armies is to attach the enemy by the flank. It is true that the enemy by the flark. It is true that the physiognomy of battles has charged completely. The armies have a host of new recinibal means at their com-mand. Airships, aeroplanes, the tele-phone, wireless telegraphy, guns of un-dranned of calibre, strength and range, have rendered almost extinct former methods of vertage.

methods of warfare. A hand to hand fight is of infrequent occurrence to-day, and the physical strength of the individual combatant is of small consequence. On the other hand, incredibly great are the demands made upon the physical endurance of the men while on the taurch, upon their measured by miles, and tattles last not for hours but for days and weeks,

this war. The principal blame for this must be shifted upon the civillans, the nov-militarily organized portions of opopulation. In 1870 the Red Cross flag was occasionally misused, but in the present war instances of such misue have become very numerous, and to tive measures resorted to have necessarily assumed a cruel complexion.

The present war has already fulfilled to wish expressed by Bismarck: "Let Contidently respects as well from the terrible sacri-dees of life in Russia and France; above which will enable the German people to emerge from the competitive arena of labor as a laurel crowned victor.

German Empire of To-day Forty-four Years Ago There Existed Only the Federation

Germany of 1870 and the

of Northern States and Independent Southern States-People United To-day.

LITTLE NATIONAL ENTHUSIASM THEN

HEIGEL. President of the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences.

war of to-day, of course, is its tremen-dous diffusion. In 1870, thanks principally to the statesmanship of Bismarck, who was an incomparable master of the timidating hostile Powers, the war was confined to the two beligerents, France and Germany. To-day the holocaust comprises a world; almost all of Europe has been drawn into the titanic struggle. and almost all nations of the earth have become affected in some degree. Gery to our Covernment, but to the di- our currency system would be men- many and Austria are confronted by overwhelming forces which would anni hilate them if the figures given by the statistical tables were accurate; if a two empires located in the heart of

> The difference between the Germany day is a fortunate one for this generait is true, but unified under an able and forty-four years ago there were those coordinating leadership, while in 1870 who, in the very antechambers of our there existed only the federation of Princes, regretted rather than welnorthern States, then in process of formation, and the independent south

> guarantee of inner strength, unless life animosity against the Germans, withis infused into it by the will of a nation. drew his

By DR. KARL THEODOR VON This national will of which the earnes desire to keep clean the national escutcheon is the expression, to-day inspires all hearts.

Just before war was declared it man! From the Illustrirte Zeitung of Leipsic. fested itself so mightily and in suc TN the cafes as elsewhere only one utter unity that even the most optitopic is discussed nowadays—the mistic were amazed thereby. The war. And when veteran officers Kaiser's appeal to the nation swept are present comparisons and con- away all differences and all hostile curfrequently drawn between rents; the German people to-day are cognizant of no sentiments but unity. The most conspicuous feature of the endurance and eagerness to make sucri-

In 1870, when the German sense of honor was smarting under the brusquekindred arts of making friends and in- enthusiasm swept through those educated classes which were able to visualize events not immediately affecting their own State; but there was nothing in the nature of a general national uprising. In the Catholic States to-day the priests, who flock to the banner are legion, and they do not come in their religious capacity, but as soldiers. In 1870, on the other hand, in Bavaria and elsewhere the Catholic party did not disguise its dislike of fighting side by side with the Protestant northern States and later, also, the vanquishing of the enemy caused no sincere joy in these

To-day we see the charming young Duchess of Brunswick reading aloud to the Duke of Cumberland has wounded brought into his castle. comed the news of German victory.

A definite coalition is of course not a French, although harboring no personal friendship because the

in the midst of the pleasurable work



Edward VIII. of England (Lord Grey), the man without a conscience.